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The urgency of the current economic situation makes it vital that people and Groups **band together now**, and get prepared ahead of time. Today, we learn that we do not even own the money in our own savings accounts. The Banks can legally seize their depositor's money, use your money as their own assets to avoid bankruptcy, and only allow you just a limited few dollars per week to live on.

At this moment China, Russia, and India are buying up gold as fast as they can. International trading in the Chinese Yuan (petro-Yuan) is now worldwide. The Chinese Yuan is now the largest economy in the world. Iran no longer accepts the dollar as a currency. The coming economic crisis **and the resulting severe inflation** will create a pressing need for you and your Group to already be using this innovative Trading Post website.

The Ravenous Moose Trading Post was developed for the purpose of giving Groups their own fundraising income, and giving its Community its own local trading economy, **based on the Gold Standard**, without the need for employers or banks.

With so many people unemployed, this website lets them trade their handiwork and services, with no need for an employer or a bank account. This Trading Post gives your Group a foundational economic edge.

*** What is the Ravenous Moose Trading Post (RMTP) ?**

An Internet website and supporting technology, which Groups can **lease** to have a year-round source of fundraising income, while its members can buy, sell, and trade their own goods and services online, using either cash or gold, with very significant advantages for everyone. There are no limits on the number of members, the number of trades, nor the size of the trades. The RMTP can be used in any country having any currency, such as Euros or Yuan.

As the economy declines, you still need to get the things you need. With this website, you do not need a bank, or an employer. You can trade without them to get what you need. This website allows your Community to be self-sustained, and survive independently.

Your Group controls the money and the fees charged. Your Group only needs to lease the website technology from the Ravenous Moose Trading Post. We handle the technical issues, and your Group handles the money, community trading, and administration.

Electronically, members have an account balance which allows them to trade online. Members bring dollars (cash), gold, and silver to your Group's designated "safe place" (this is explained below), which is used to store the money while it is being used electronically. That is, the membership brings their own cash and coins to the Group's "safe place", so that they can use them to trade electronically, online. By doing this the account balances are always backed up by

real cash and coins. Still, all of their money stays local, so that they can get their cash and coins back, out of the “safe place”, at any time.

Your Group is in full control of the money, and only needs to decide on how it will have a “safe-place” to hold the cash and the coins held in trust. There is no way that the Ravenous Moose Trading Post can “take your money”, as we never “touch it”.

Trading property, goods, and services between individuals is much more interactive, than going through the retail store outlets. Businesses save because they do not have to give up part of their gross-sales to credit card companies. Families prosper because the website is just like an old frontier trading post, where you can trade for anything, for whatever you need for whatever you can provide.

One major advantage of this online Trading Post is that the unit of trading can be in Gold Weight, based on the Gold Standard. Years ago, all economies were based on, and backed by, gold and silver bullion held in trust in a vault. Just like these previous economies, this website’s Gold Units are backed-up by real gold and silver, brought in by the Group’s members and held in trust by the Group, using any concept of a “safe-place” the Group decides.

All money and bullion are held in trust by the Group, which is the membership itself. The Ravenous Moose Trading Post does not touch the coins or the money. The Group is always in full control of its own money, and its own trading economy, without needing any bank.

Using Gold Units has many advantages. One of the advantages is that their trading-value remains the same. Each Gold Unit is like a small piece of gold. The value of the dollar is what goes up and down every day. But gold is always traded by its weight. This means that today an hour of someone’s time may be traded for 200 units (a weight in gold), and next month it will still be traded for 200 units (the same weight in gold). In that time the dollar may go up and down many times, but the weight of gold is always the same.

Members can buy, sell, or trade for anything, personal and business, items, produce, and services. For example, tools, toys, candles, eggs, vegetables, large things and small things. They may trade for services such as cleaning, baby sitting, handiwork, repairs, tutoring, and health.

Many understand that the only real money is gold and silver, so they prudently keep on hand a measure of gold and silver coins. The problem is that the coins are worth far too much to use in a typical trade. For example, you want to use a gold coin to buy a chicken. But the coin is worth around \$1,300, far more than just a chicken. Thus, doing simple trades with gold coins in your pocket is not possible. However, the Ravenous Moose Trading Post lets you use your coins as if they were cut up into small pieces. Using Gold Units (as small pieces of gold weight) you can trade for that chicken directly, as a simple exchange.

Each trade provides significant savings and advantages to both the provider and the receiver. **But even more important**, is that you will be able to “carry on” with receiving and providing the things that are needed, regardless of the banking system, world economy, and inflation.

This website allows you to have your own local economy, backed up by your own gold, regardless of what the banks are doing. All cash and Gold Units are backed up in trust, stored in your own Group’s “safe place”. This means that your members do not have to have a job to trade, as they always can trade whatever they can do for what they need. Your members will be able to trade their goods and their services without having to go through an employer or a bank. Think about what this “really means”, as more and more members lose their jobs, and families no longer receive a wage which keeps up with the cost of goods.

*** Who are the Members ?**

The Membership is people and families in your own Group and community, whomever you want. From the Internet website your Group receives applications for membership, and may decide to allow or deny membership based on any criteria the Group decides. The Ravenous Moose Trading Post is not involved in deciding who becomes a member. Also, members do not have to be “local”. This is an Internet technology. Members may be anywhere, and participate in your Group’s private trading network.

*** Can Multiple Groups Share a Website, and Trade With Each Other ?**

Yes, the website allows any number of Groups to cooperate with each other. This means that your Group’s website can grow its own trading network, by including other Groups and individuals.

*** What is Traded ?**

Members can trade for anything! Your labor, your services, your produce, your product-line, your hobby items, and your expertise. The website technology enables people and businesses to trade directly. Local trades will usually have no shipping charge complications. People can meet to exchange items anywhere they decide, for example at a store’s parking lot. The Ravenous Moose Trading Post provides the website technology to enable people to trade things between each other, privately, and the website keeps track of the balances in real-time as they occur.

*** How Does RMTP Compare To eBay and Craigslist ?**

The Ravenous Moose Trading Post website and technology combines the capabilities of these types of online trading websites, and then goes much farther. The Trading Post extends these concepts by allowing real-time displays of inventory and quantities available, totally private-trading, **you can make counter-offers**, use the chat-rooms to discuss details, and the option to use Gold Units (little pieces of gold) as well as dollars. It is like being online at a Farmers

Market or Frontier Outpost; you can see what you are getting, how much is left, talk about the price or swap, and use both gold and dollars as you decide.

It is a fact that every day countless people go online to use websites like eBay and Craigslist. Your Group's membership can now do the same thing using your own Trading Post website, and with far more advantages.

*** How Does RMTP Compare To Discount Clubs and Trading Websites ?**

The RMTP is much different than a "Discount Club" and other trading websites. Those clubs and websites let you trade between members, and you can often trade at a discounted price, but you are still always trading your own dollars from your own bank account. **Worse, once you make the trade and you spend your dollars, those dollars are gone!** You have no way to get them back again. Trading in these clubs and websites is geared to be in only one direction, from your wallet out to someone else.

The Ravenous Moose Trading Post is much different, and far more advantageous. **Trading is in both directions, so that you have a chance to get those dollars back again.** The dollars spent for a trade are still kept in your own Group's "safe place". Those dollars are still available for other trades. **This means that the dollars and bullion held in trust do not just go away.** They remain available for reuse. You have the chance to get those dollars back again, by doing other trades in your own direction too.

For example: You decide to trade for a sofa-bed for \$200. But next week you can offer your own services to another member for \$200, and effectively get that \$200 back. The Ravenous Moose Trading Post tracks the balances electronically, so that they float around between members, trade after trade after trade.

Understand, the website's Trading Post dollars and coins do not just "go out of your pocket and then they are gone". They are "floating around" between members, held safely in trust by your own Group. They remain available to be used and reused for countless trades. Thus, you always have the chance to get your cash and bullion back, by offering trades for something you have or can provide. **Unlike trading clubs and discount stores, you have the chance to get it back.**

*** Why would someone want to be a Member ?**

The simple answer is to save money, as each website trade has immediate advantage and savings. **But a more significant answer** is to be able to trade using the Gold Standard, and to "carry-on" with providing and receiving the things that the family needs, regardless of the economy, inflation, and banks. The Group's membership will be able to trade for goods and services, even if the rest of the community is in trouble.

These are a few of the important advantages to using this website to conduct trades:

(1) It Is A Fundraiser For The Group:

Everyone is familiar with the concept of selling cookies to raise money for their Group. This is the same concept, except the Group can get a percentage of all trades. Everything that is traded, not just the cookies, is a fundraiser for the Group. And not just a once per year fundraising event, as this website will bring funds into the Group all year long, year after year. The Group's members win by saving on each trade, and the Group wins by receiving funds on each trade. Most Groups are looking for good ways to raise money. **This Trading Post is the perfect way for your Group to dramatically increase its funds.**

(2) No need for Credit Cards:

Using a credit card for sales takes 2% to 4% of the gross-transaction away from the seller. Sellers and Service providers will experience an immediate significant savings. People are already familiar with using pre-paid Debit/Credit Cards. The RMTTP technology allows members to reserve funds, and then use their funds online to make trades.



Cash does no good just lying around.

Putting cash into your Group's "safe place" lets you use that cash for trading.

Make trades for your services and for the things that you make at home.

You can always get the cash back out of the "safe place" when you are done.

(3) Trade in Dollars and/or Gold Units:

All members have the option of using dollars (or the local currency), or may use Gold Units, or may use combinations of both. Gold Units are obtained by trading gold and silver coins with the Group's "safe place". The value of each Gold Unit is always tied directly to the weight of gold, and is secured by the bullion coins physically stored in your Group's "safe-place". Thus, your gold coins can be used for trading, while still being safely held in trust by the Group, and, you can get them back.

Coins in the Group's "safe place" are exchanged in both directions. They are put in to get Gold Units, and they are taken out by using Gold Units. Gold Units are also obtained by trading services, labor, and items with other members, instead of dollars. Because Gold Units are exchanged electronically, they will circulate between the membership, trade after trade, and will not "go away" as does your dollars at the retail stores. Gold Units may be used in all trades, from quilts to beauty treatments. The Trading Post website allows you to put your

gold and silver coins to good use, because you can trade with them while they are in your Group's "safe place", instead of having them just lie around.



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(4) The Website is a Real Trading Post:

Each member is enabled to negotiate before each trade. Counter-offers and chat rooms allow members to talk to each other, and discover the best trade for both. Members may come to their own agreements, including terms: such as how it is picked up, how it is provided, and how it can be refunded, before each trade is concluded.

(5) Cottage Industries and Consignments:

Members will have a simple way of advertising and trading the many things they have around their house. Better, members can make things for trading. For example: quilts, furniture, curtains, dresses, repairs, and art. Local cottage industries can produce things which are advertised on the website, and are traded as agreed in the chat rooms. By making things and providing services to others, members can increase their cash and Gold Unit balances. With this website you do not have to have a job to get the things you need.

(6) Gold/Silver Coin Bullion Exchanges between Members:

Another real advantage is that members may physically exchange real gold/silver bullion between each other, member to member, just like they would a blanket, but at a fixed rate to ensure both sides always win. The website's fixed trading rate guarantees that the provider will always receive more than what they would using typical coin-outlets, and guarantees that the receiver will always pay less than what they would using typical coin-outlets. Both members win, and there are no limits to the volume of bullion, or the number of trades made.



(7) Community Improvement:

Trading within the Group will only enhance the local community you live. Volunteering for local projects can be enhanced by donors giving the volunteers Gold Units. Such community involvement directly helps the needy, and encourages more local trading.



Why Do People Like This Concept, a Local Farmers Market?
This Website Lets Your Group Trade Independently and Privately

(8) Make Direct Trades At Stores:

Members are both people and businesses. Businesses will do online trading just as individuals. Any two members can make direct trades with each other, both being online at the same time. Directly pay a bill by just using your mobile device, and make an instant trade.

For examples: you can pay for a restaurant bill by making a direct online trade with the restaurant. At the Farmers Market, trade for organic produce using your mobile device. Trade directly, in real time, for theatre tickets and other items offered by member-businesses. With direct-trades, members and businesses can trade for goods and services in real time, and both save money, while both help their Group's fundraising efforts in the process.

(9) Independence from the Economy:

As inflation increases, the trucking and distribution systems will no longer be able to supply the grocery stores and retail outlets with low price goods. As the price of shipping gets worse, your Group will have already established a local trading network. Using the

website allows members to trade using their own local economy. Instead of being totally dependent on inflation, employers, and banks, your Group can exchange goods and services using an internationally recognized metal, gold.

*** The Number of Members and Their Membership Dues:**

There are no limits to the number of members. Membership requires a fee for monthly dues, and then it is a "pay only as you use it" arrangement. The Group decides "how much". Optionally, there can be more than one type of membership, each type paying different fees and rates. Again, **all dues, fees, and rates are decided upon by your Group**, the Group is always in full control of its own local economy. The Group may later decide to have different dues, fees, and rates.

*** What About Taxes ?**

The RMTP cannot give tax advice to the Group or its members. Generally speaking: State sales and use taxes are the responsibility of each member to report and pay, as may be appropriate to report. Members who are individuals, and do not fill out a Schedule-C, typically do not fill out a Form 1099-MISC. Members who are businesses, may be required to fill out a Form 1099-B, as is appropriate to report. These forms report the 'fair market value' income gained from trades. Each year your Group may provide each business-member the information required to fill out Form 1099-B, providing the net amount they received from their trades.

In I.R.S. Memorandum Number 200411042 published on March 12, 2004 by the Office of Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service, **the IRS recognizes the deductibility of bartered services in exchange for bartered services**. Therefore, the fair market value reported ends up to be the net-received after your deductions, not the gross received without any deductions. Many kinds of trades are not a business-transaction requiring the attention of a taxing agency. The RMTP cannot make tax-ramification determinations on trades, only the individual members can make this determination, based on their own individual circumstances. If your trading is considered to be business-income, then you are also entitled to deduct your expenses and trades which were required in order to gain that income. Some business-members may not have any net income, after all trades are considered. These circumstances can only be determined by the individual member themselves. The RMTP is not responsible for any member's, or the Group's, tax reporting decisions or responsibilities.

Explain More about The Group's "Safe Place" ?

The intent of the Group's "safe place" is to physically hold the cash and the gold/silver coins brought in by the membership. Members do this to add dollars and Gold Units to their online account for trading. Without physically storing the cash and bullion someplace safe, the community's local economy becomes the same as the Federal Reserve System, which is backed by nothing. Having the currency physically stored someplace, means that everyone knows that **their online trading is backed up by real gold**, and that they can always get their cash and bullion back, whenever they want.

Your Group decides on exactly what the Group's "safe place" concept will be. Some Groups may decide to keep the assets in a simple safety box, while others may decide on some other secure method.

Important: The Group's "safe place" may not need to hold vast quantities of cash and bullion. Those doing trading may negotiate to "bring some cash and bullion" along with them, as part of the trade agreement. **The amount of cash and gold held in the "safe place" can be kept small; allowing the traders to decide what more is needed at the time of their exchange.**

The Ravenous Moose Trading Post is not involved in the decisions regarding how your Group will administer its own "safe place" concept. Your Group is always in complete control of its own local economy and administration.

*** What Is The Downside ?**

The Group controls the cash, the coins, and the fees for trading. The Ravenous Moose Trading Post does not touch "the money", and simply leases the website technology to the Group. The RMTP handles all of the technical issues. If anything suddenly "goes wrong", the Group has lost nothing. **The members can always get their cash and coins back from your Group's "safe place".**

Using the Ravenous Moose Trading Post lets **EVERYONE WIN !**

Go to this Website to Test Using the Trading Post

Example Website: www.z2cs.com/Co-op

*** Contact Us To Get Started**

It is not hard to get your own Group website and local private economy up and running. Just contact us to start the process. You can create a new website, or join one that already exists. You can get started right away. Please Email Questions to: Trades@RavenousMoose.com